

To a Friend.

BY C. H. F.

If my wishing could bring to thee gladness,
Never thy soul had murmured its sadness;
Could my sympathy charm away sorrow,
Never thy heart should part for to-morrow.
Joy in its fullness and radiance of being,
Ever in love should come with caressing.
Would I were with thee to join in thy weeping!
Bidding the look from woes thou art keeping,
Up and away to hope's sunny season,
Love-lighting life with faith's better reason,
Showing how sorrow God hath intended
For shall bless ere it be ended.

Shouldst thou of hope recede from thy vision,
Brief then bless thee! 'tis its one only mission
And are the seasons, though oft so distressful,
Of the evangel ever successful,
Up from the wells of thy heart's deep emotion,
See thou give sorrow its need of devotion.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 25.

The first session of the Fifty-second Congress is on its last legs. Only two things now stand in the way of adjournment—the World's Fair appropriation in the House and the Anti-Option Bill in the Senate—and if the first is disposed of early the Anti-Option Bill may not come to a vote this session, although Senator Washburn, who is in charge of it, says that it has a majority in the Senate and that no adjournment shall be had until it has been passed. Its opponents claim to be able to defeat it by obstructive tactics, if not by votes.

The World's Fair appropriation was defeated by a majority of ten when it first came up in the House, and the fight is to be renewed this week, when the Conference Committee reports to the House its inability to convince the Senate conferees that the appropriation ought not to be made. A motion will then be made that the House recede and agree to the appropriation, and both sides are now claiming a majority, although both are a little bit afraid that the absence of a quorum may give trouble, and the opponents of the appropriation intimate that they may refuse to vote in order to break a quorum and prevent the House agreeing to the appropriation. If they do, it will be a very foolish piece of business for those who engage in it, and it will be far from beneficial to the Democratic party, to which all the opponents of the appropriation belong, as the Senate will insist upon the appropriation being made, knowing that it is backed by public sentiment, and in the end the House will have to surrender.

How completely a given legislative situation may be changed in a week's time is shown by the bill authorizing the President to retaliate upon Canada for discriminating against American vessels passing through Canadian waterways. A week ago Government officials and members of Congress were confident that an agreement would be reached with the secret agents of the Canadian Government, then here negotiating with the State Department, which would make the passage of the bill unnecessary. That agreement was not reached, and the bill was, at President Harrison's request, rushed through both House and Senate, without discussion, except in executive session by the last-named body, and it is to-day a law of the United States. Under the new law the President has authority to impose tolls upon Canadian vessels using American waterways, and he may even shut them out entirely if he sees fit.

Senator Hill of New York has gone away, it is said, for the remainder of the session, and there are many who believe that he will never again occupy his seat in the Senate. It may or may not be true that Senator Hill intends to resign, but it is certain that he has from the first found the life of a Senator distasteful and his surroundings uncongenial. He is quoted by a friend as having said: "If Harrison be re-elected I can be of very little service to the State of New York in the Senate, and if Cleveland be elected of none whatever."

Sensors Cameron and Quay are credited with having formed a combination with a number of Democratic Senators for the purpose of preventing action upon the nomination of George Shiras, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and, owing to the absence of a number of Republican Senators, they hope to succeed. If the session closes without the Senate taking action on the nomination, it leaves it as though it had never been made, although there is nothing to prevent President Harrison making the same nomination again next December, when the presence of all the Republican Senators would make his confirmation certain.

Some of the brightest men in Congress are of the opinion that the joint statement signed by the two Pinkertons, which was presented to the Congressional Investigating Committee, and widely published last week, puts Congress in the peculiar position of being compelled to express its opinion about the Pinkerton system of doing business, or be accused of tacitly approving of it, as the statement acknowledges the truth of most of the charges which have been made by organized labor, and boldly pleads justification. The question is an important one, and will be heard from again. A very unfortunate incident connected with the examination of the Pinkertons occurred on the floor of the House Saturday morning; just before the session was opened John Devlin, a member of the Knights of Labor Executive Committee, approached Representative Oates, Chairman of the Investigating Committee, and told him that he thought

it extraordinary that the Committee should have allowed the Pinkertons to see all the written questions submitted to the K. of L. Committee before answering any of them. Oates lost his temper, called Devlin a liar, told him to go to a place not mentioned in polite society, and only for the interference of officials there would have been a fight.

The Dimensions of Heaven. Lewis's Penny Reading publishes the following very interesting paragraph, the idea being to endeavor to show in some way the dimensions of heaven. Any one may prove the approximate accuracy of the computation for himself by performing the several operations called for. The basis of the calculation is taken from the sixteenth verse of the twenty-first chapter of Revelations: "And he measured the city with a reed, 12,000 furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

Twelve thousand furlongs equal 7,920,000 feet, which being cubed, is 496,793,088,000,000,000 cubic feet. Reserving one-half of this space for the throne and the court of heaven, we have 124,198,272,000,000,000 cubic feet. Divide this by 4,096, the number of cubic feet in a room sixteen feet square, and there will be 30,321,843,850,000 rooms. Now, suppose the world always did and always will hold 90,000,000 inhabitants, and that a generation last thirty-three and a third years, making in all 2,700,000,000 inhabitants every century, and that the world will stand 100,000 years, or 1,000 centuries, making in all 2,700,000,000,000 inhabitants. Then suppose there were 100 worlds equal this in the number of inhabitants and duration of years, making a total of 2,700,000,000,000,000 persons, and there would be more than 100 rooms sixteen feet square for each person.

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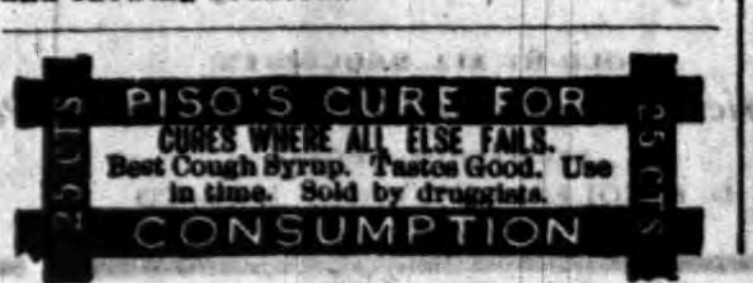
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